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Title: PROCESS TO SELECTIVELY RECOVER METALS FROM WASTE
DUSTS, SLUDGES AND ORES

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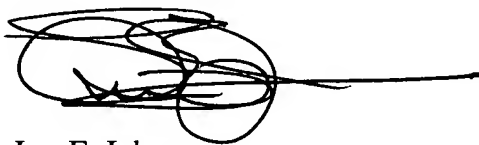
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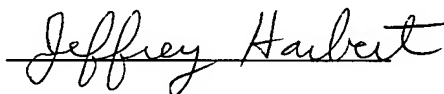
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